

Town of Winchester
Planning Board
Minutes
9-19-16

Meeting opened: 7:01pm.

Members present: Mike Doherty, Brooke Sharra (Chair), Gus Ruth (V. Chair), and Dean Beaman. Chris Rurka, Larry Hill, and Herb Stephens were absent. Margaret Sharra, Land Use Administrator, was absent. Public: Mark Tigan, Ken Cole, Barry Montgomery, Bill McGrath and Lisa from SWRPC.

First order of business: Minutes from the 8-1-16 planning board meeting approved. **G. Ruth Moves to approve, seconded by D. Beaman. The vote is 4 yes.**

Second order of business: Mark Tigan speaks to the board regarding the proposed industrial park in the old gravel pit. Mark states the reason he is speaking to the board is because he wants to keep all the town's boards aware of what is happening or could potentially happen in the industrial park. Mark stated that there is a possible business prospect to enter the industrial park. Mark said there is a concern about the water pressure needed for the industrial park. M. Tigan explained the concerns and discussed possible fixes to the water pressure issue. Mark informs the board that the non-profit group, WEDC, he is a part of is reaching out to the USDA for grants to fix the water pressure issue. D. Beaman asked Mark questions regarding tax revenue and the park. The conversation was then opened to the public. Bill McGrath and Barry Montgomery both asked Mark questions about the proposed industrial park and the water pressure issue.

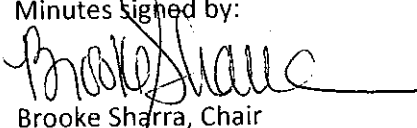
Third order of business: Lisa from SWRPC assisted the Winchester Planning Board with the process of updating the master plan. Lisa asked questions of the board about how the master plan was going to be used and then advised the board on how she felt the board should proceed in working on the master plan. Lisa advised that the transportation portion of the master plan be one of the first chapters the board focuses on. The transportation chapter would be free. Lisa stated that she would be willing to assist the Winchester Planning Board in completing the master plan and would speak to Margaret Sharra about it. The board and Lisa had an open dialogue about the master plan and then the public was allowed to ask questions. Barry Montgomery asked Lisa questions about the master plan and the process of completing it.

Fourth order of business: B. Sharra and G. Ruth briefly update the board on the class they attended at Antioch College regarding accessory dwellings, agrotourism, and signage.

B. Sharra makes a motion to adjourn. D. Beaman seconds. The vote is 4 yes. Meeting adjourned at 8:42pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by:
Brooke Sharra

Minutes approved by the board on:
Minutes signed by:

 10/3/16
Brooke Sharra, Chair